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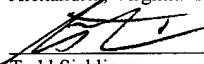
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination, kindly amend the application as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 9-17.

**REMARKS**

Prior to examination of the above referenced application, entry of the above amendment to the claims is requested.

In this application's parent application, United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/222,562, the Examiner rejected claims 9-17. Claims 1, 3-4, 7 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by United States Patent No. 4,834,617 issued to Wainauski et al ("Wainauski"). Claims 2, 5, and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wainauski.